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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED PAPER ON INDOCHINESE REFUGEE SITUATION (REF B) ON JAN 6 WITH MFA DIRECTOR OF UN OFFICE BJORN UTHEIM. MFA HAD ALREADY RECEIVED PAPER AND HAD IT UNDER CONSIDERATION WITHIN MINISTRY.

2. RE PARA F OF PAPER, UTHEIM REFERRED TO FORMIN FRYDENLUND'S STATEMENT TO THE STORTING ON INDOCHINA REFUGEES IN LATE DECEMBER. FORMIN REITERATED NORWEGIAN POLICY, NAMELY THAT NORWEGIAN SHIPS IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN WATERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO ASSIST REFUGEE BOATS, INCLUDING TAKING REFUGEES ON BOARD AND DELIVERING THEM TO PORT OF TEMPORARY REFUGE. NORWEGIAN CAPTAINS THEN TURN REFUGEES OVER TO THE LOCAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY OR
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CONSULATE WHICH OFFERS RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE. ASSISTANCE INCLUDES OFFER TO SETTLE IN NORWAY, UNLIMITED BY QUOTA, OR HELP IN REACHING UNHCR OR OTHER REFUGEE INTERNMENT CENTER.

3. FORMIN'S STATEMENT ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT NORWAY WILL STEP UP ITS SUPPORT OF REFUGEE CENTERS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA THROUGH NORAD, NORWEGIAN AID.

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4. UTHEIM SAID THAT NORWAY HAS NO PLANS TO ESTABLISH A QUOTA SYSTEM, AT LEAST NOT AT THIS TIME. HE NOTED THAT NORWAY HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT ALL INDOCHINESE REFUGEES WHO WISH TO COME HERE WITHOUT LIMIT.

5. NORWAY HAS RECEIVED SOME 250 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES TO DATE, ACCORDING TO THE NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL IS PRESENTLY PREPARING TO RECEIVE MOST OF ABOUT 80 REFUGEES PICKED UP BY NORWEGIAN SHIPS WHO ARE BEING PROCESSED IN MANILA AND HONG KONG. THE COUNCIL ALSO INDICATED THAT THE NEW ARRIVALS AND THE REFUGEES ALREADY SETTLED IN NORWAY HAVE PLACED CONSIDERABLE STRAIN ON THE LIMITED RESOURCES AND CAPABILITIES.

6. COMMENT: GON CONTINUES TO BE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, BUT BEELS THAT ITS PRESENT POLICY IS ABOUT AS FAR AS IT CAN GO AT THIS POINT. IN VIEW OF THE DOMESTIC EMPLOYMENT SITUATION, IMMIGRATION IS NOT A FAVORITE SUBJECT OF POLITICAL CONVERSATION AT THIS TIME. WE THEREFORE EXPECT THAT THE NORWEGIAN RESPONSE TO THE US PAPER AT NATO WILL REFLECT PRESENT GON POLICY OUTLINED ABOVE.
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